

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1-4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (currently amended): ~~Brush~~ The brush system according to claim ~~± 13~~, wherein the cleaning element ~~(4)~~ is a cleaning plush.

Claim 6 (currently amended): ~~Brush~~ The brush system according to claim ~~± 13~~, wherein the retaining body ~~(3)~~ has lateral depressions, into which the elastically deformable retaining handle ~~(2)~~ engages with a non-positive and a positive lock and in this connection wedges the cleaning element ~~(4)~~ in between itself and the retaining body ~~(3)~~.

Claim 7 (currently amended): ~~Brush~~ The brush system according to claim ~~± 13~~, wherein the retaining body ~~(3)~~ consists of a stiff, elastic foam material.

Claim 8 (currently amended): ~~Brush~~ The brush system according to claim ~~± 13~~, wherein the retaining body ~~(3)~~ has a

working surface $\{7\}$ that is rectangular when viewed in cross-section, having two straight working edges $\{8, 9\}$.

Claim 9 (currently amended): Brush The brush system according to claim ± 13 , wherein the retaining body $\{3\}$ has a working surface $\{11\}$ that is triangular when viewed in cross-section, having a working edge $\{12\}$ that comes to a point.

Claim 10 (currently amended): Brush The brush system according to claim ± 13 , wherein the retaining body $\{3\}$ has a working surface $\{13\}$ that is round when viewed in cross-section, with a round working edge $\{14\}$.

Claim 11 (currently amended): Brush The brush system according to claim ± 13 , wherein the retaining handle $\{2\}$ has an Ω-shaped configuration, in cross-section, having a center axis Y-Y, whereby two pressure ridges $\{18\}$ that lie diametrically opposite one another, with reference to the center axis, are disposed on the retaining handle $\{2\}$, oriented in opposite directions, which run perpendicular to the retaining body $\{3\}$.

Claim 12 (currently amended) Brush The brush system according to claim 11, wherein an extension $\{21\}$ that projects perpendicular away from the pressure ridges $\{18\}$ is disposed on

free ends of the pressure ridges †10†, in each instance, which extension runs parallel to the retaining body †3† and is oriented towards the working edge †8, 12, 14†.

Claim 13 (new): A brush system comprising

- (a) a retaining handle;
- (b) a retaining body held by said retaining handle, said retaining body comprising a first portion covered by said retaining handle and a second portion not covered by said retaining handle; and
- (c) a cleaning element comprising an elastic band of cleaning material surrounding said retaining body with elastic bias and wedged in between said retaining handle and said retaining body, said cleaning element further comprising a first working surface and at least one second working surface;

wherein said cleaning element is movable from a first functional position to at least one second functional position;

wherein said first working surface is adjacent to said second portion of said retaining body when said cleaning element is moved into said first functional position; and

wherein said at least one second working surface is adjacent to said second portion of said retaining body when said cleaning element is moved into said at least one second functional position.